

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This would be a “housekeeping,” piece of legislation. Currently, the Director of the Idaho State Police, literally, has no say and/or control concerning but not limited to administrative, fiscal, purchasing and personnel matters within the Idaho Brand Board. Yet, the Idaho Brand Board is a part of the Idaho State Police. The proposed changes would update Idaho Code: 25-1103, 25-1104 and 25-1106.

The way the Idaho Code is written now, sets the Brand Board and the State Brand Inspector up in a possible liability situation should any type of unfortunate incident occur. The Director of the Idaho State Police has no administrative power to oversee, to make sure the high personnel standards and professionalism of the Idaho State Police is being maintained.

This legislation would put the Director of the Idaho State Police, officially, in an administrative position. The Director would have a handle on training and compliance standards within the Idaho State Police. It does not take any power away from how the Idaho Brand Board was originally designed to function in regards to the regulatory protection of the Idaho livestock industry, through livestock identification and brand inspection requirements, etc.

There is support from the Idaho livestock industry. This legislation takes nothing away from the Idaho Brand Board and their ability to articulate and set policy for the livestock industry. This legislation would officially enhance the Idaho Brand Board. The State Brand Inspector has never made crucial, personnel, budget or fiscal decisions without first presenting it to the Director of the Idaho State Police.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact as the operation of the Idaho Brand Board remains the same

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